



10 February 2026

Communities and Partnerships Team
Community Asset Transfer
Council Headquarters
Newtown St Boswells
Melrose, TD6 0SA
FAO John Curry (Director – Infrastructure & Environment)

Dear Sirs

Peebles Community Trust (PCT)
Community Asset Transfer (CAT) - School Brae Toilets, School Brae, Peebles EH45 8AT
Reference - UPRN PB034/06

Further to your “Refusal Decision Notice” to the above, dated 15 January 2026, we wish to apply to the Council to review this decision.

In summary, PCT’s position over the potential future use of the School Brae WCs building has not changed since the original application. PCT’s well publicised successful efforts to purchase the Bank of Scotland building on the High Street and re-locate our Re-Use Hub, has given rise to period of uncertainty and lack of clarity as to a future potential PCT use of the School Brae WC’ s. However, as our business plan for the Bank of Scotland building has developed over the last few months, it has become clear that a use of the former School Brae WC’ s as a “depository and store”, in support of the Re-Use project, as originally intended in the CAT application, is as necessary, regardless of a Re-Use Hub relocation, as it was at the point of the original application.

PCT therefore reaffirm that the original application, which was supported by SBC, remains as was originally stated. The CAT request, as consulted upon, is therefore applicable to PCT’s current operational plans and as a consequence, an updated proposal and business plan is not required and no further Statutory consultation is required by the Council, as the proposal remains materially the same.

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If necessary, PCT request the appeal to be administered as a hearing session, however, given the summary above, there may be a recognition by the Council that no further evidence or documentation is required in order to issue an approval decision, given there is no material change to the original application intended use.

PCT therefore considers that there are no reasonable grounds to refuse the current application and it is simply a pressure on timings that has forced the Council to issue the Refusal Decision Notice.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



For and on behalf of Peebles Community Trust

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